

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION**

**HRHR EQUITY INVESTMENT  
LLC, *et al.*,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**PATEL, *et al.*,**

**Defendants.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:22-CV-378 (MTT)**

**ORDER**

The complaint asserts claims for damages arising out of the plaintiffs' investments in various limited liability companies organized by the individual defendants. Doc. 1 at 30. The defendants are parties to ongoing bankruptcy proceedings in the Middle District of Georgia. Doc. 4 at 2. The case was removed from the Superior Court of Gwinnett County to the Northern District of Georgia with the intent to "file a motion to transfer venue of this proceeding to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, where it will presumably be referred to the Bankruptcy Court[.]" Doc. 1 at 3. The motion to transfer restates this intention. Doc. 4 at 1.

There is a general referral order in this District stating that "any and all cases under title 11 and any or all proceedings arising under title 11 or arising in or related to a case under title 11 are referred to the bankruptcy judges for this district." 2012-01 Order of Reference – Title 11 Bankruptcy Referrals, General Orders | Middle District of Georgia | United States District Court, <http://www.gamd.uscourts.gov/court-info/local-rules-and-orders/general-orders>. This case falls squarely within that order. Therefore,

this matter is **REFERRED** to the bankruptcy court to be decided as part of the defendants' ongoing bankruptcy proceedings, Case No. 22-51106,<sup>1</sup> pursuant to the general referral order.

**SO ORDERED**, this 27th day of October, 2022.

S/ Marc T. Treadwell  
MARC T. TREADWELL, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 22-51106 is jointly administered with the following cases: 22-51107; 22-51109; 22-51110; 22-51111; and 22-51112. See Docs. 1 at 2; 4 at 2-3.